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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 47, 83, 112, and 142 as follows:

1-46 (cancelled)

47. (currently amended) A vehicle interior accessory system suitable for use in a vehicle, said system comprising:

an attachment member, said attachment member disposed at a roof portion of the interior of a vehicle and at least one of adhesively and mechanically attached thereat, the vehicle comprising one of an automobile, a truck, a van and a utility vehicle;

a vehicle interior accessory component;

said vehicle interior accessory component including an attachment element adapted for receipt by said attachment member;

said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component cooperating with said attachment member disposed at the roof portion in order to detachably secure said vehicle interior accessory component at the roof portion;

said attachment member comprising at least one elongated member, said at least one elongated member comprising an electrical conductor;

said vehicle interior accessory component provided with electrical power via said electrical conductor of said at least one elongated member; and

wherein said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component cooperates with said attachment member disposed at the roof portion in a manner that readily facilitates detachment of said vehicle interior accessory component for exchange or for substitution by another.

48. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises an electric garage door opener.

49. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein the vehicle has a long axis, said elongated member being generally oriented one of longitudinally and transverse with respect to the long axis of the vehicle.

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50. (cancelled)

51. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component is received by said attachment member of said elongated member.

52. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 49, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component is selectively positionable along said elongated member.

53. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 51, wherein said attachment member of said elongated member comprises a channel.

54. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 53, wherein said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component is received by and supported by said channel of said elongated member.

55. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 54, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a storage compartment.

56. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 53 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a lighting component.

57. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 54 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a display system.

58. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 54 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a control panel.

59. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 54 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises an interior trim component.

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60. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 49, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises at least one of hook-and-loop fastening, interlocking pin fastening, adhesive fastening and mechanical fastening.

61. (cancelled)

62. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein said exchange or substitution by another is achieved without recourse to use of a tool.

63. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein said exchange or substitution by another is achieved by a peeling action without recourse to use of a tool.

64. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 63, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises at least one of a hook-and-loop fastening and an interlocking pin fastening.

65. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein the roof portion comprises a glazing.

66. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 65, wherein the glazing comprises a sunroof.

67. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises hook-and-loop fastening.

68. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises interlocking pin fastening.

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69. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises adhesive fastening.

70. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises mechanical attachment.

71. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 70, wherein said mechanical attachment comprises post fastening.

72. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a storage compartment.

73. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a lighting component.

74. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a control panel.

75. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises an interior trim component.

76. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a display system.

77. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein the vehicle comprises an automobile.

78. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein the vehicle comprises a truck.

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79. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein the vehicle comprises a van.

80. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein the van comprises a minivan.

81. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein the vehicle comprises a utility vehicle.

82. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component is selectively positionable along said at least one elongated member.

83. (currently amended) A vehicle interior accessory system suitable for use in a vehicle, said system comprising:

- an attachment member, said attachment member disposed at a roof portion of the interior of a vehicle and at least one of adhesively and mechanically attached thereat, said attachment member comprising an elongated member;

- a vehicle interior accessory component;

- said vehicle interior accessory component including an attachment element adapted for receipt by said attachment member;

- said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component cooperating with said attachment member disposed at the roof portion in order to detachably secure said vehicle interior accessory component at the roof portion;

- said vehicle interior accessory component provided with electrical power via an electrical conductor;

- wherein the vehicle has a long axis and said elongated member is generally oriented one of longitudinally and transverse with respect to the long axis of the vehicle; and

- said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component being received by said elongated member of said attachment member, said vehicle interior accessory component being selectively positionable along said elongated member.

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84. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein an elongated member comprises said conductor.

85. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 84, wherein said attachment member comprises a channel.

86. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 84, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises at least one of hook-and-loop fastening, interlocking pin fastening, adhesive fastening and mechanical fastening.

87. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein said attachment member of said elongated member comprises a channel.

88. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 87, wherein said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component is received by and supported by said channel of said elongated member.

89. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 88, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a storage compartment.

90. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a lighting component.

91. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 88 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a display system.

92. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 88 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a control panel.

93. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 88 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises an interior trim component.

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94. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein said conductor is concealed from view by a headliner of the vehicle.

95. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component cooperates with said attachment member disposed at the roof portion in a manner that readily facilitates detachment of said vehicle interior accessory component for exchange or for substitution by another.

96. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 95, wherein said exchange or substitution by another is achieved by a peeling action without recourse to use of a tool.

97. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 96, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises at least one of a hook-and-loop fastening and an interlocking pin fastening.

98. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein the roof portion comprises a glazing.

99. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 98, wherein the glazing comprises a sunroof.

100. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises hook-and-loop fastening.

101. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises interlocking pin fastening.

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102. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises adhesive fastening.

103. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises mechanical attachment.

104. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 103, wherein said mechanical attachment comprises post fastening.

105. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a storage compartment.

106. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a lighting component.

107. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a control panel.

108. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises an interior trim component.

109. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a display system.

110. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein the vehicle comprises one of an automobile, a truck, a van, a minivan, and a utility vehicle.

111. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 83, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component includes an electric garage door opener.

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112. (currently amended) A vehicle interior accessory system suitable for use in a vehicle, said system comprising:

an attachment member, said attachment member comprising at least one elongated member ~~and~~ disposed at a roof portion of the interior of a vehicle and at least one of adhesively and mechanically attached thereat;

a vehicle interior accessory component;

said vehicle interior accessory component including an attachment element adapted for receipt by said attachment member;

said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component cooperating with said attachment member disposed at the roof portion in order to detachably secure said vehicle interior accessory component at the roof portion;

said at least one elongated member comprising an electrical conductor;

said vehicle interior accessory component being selectively positionable along said at least one elongated member and being provided with electrical power via said electrical conductor of said at least one elongated member; and

wherein said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component cooperates with said attachment member disposed at the roof portion in a manner that readily facilitates detachment of said vehicle interior accessory component for exchange or for substitution by another.

113. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises an electric garage door opener.

114. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein the vehicle has a long axis, said elongated member being generally oriented one of longitudinally and transverse with respect to the long axis of the vehicle.

115. (cancelled)

116. (currently amended) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component is received by said attachment member of said elongated member.

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117. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 116, wherein said attachment member of said elongated member comprises a channel.

118. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 117, wherein said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component is received by and supported by said channel of said elongated member.

119. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 118, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a storage compartment.

120. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 118 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a lighting component.

121. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 118 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a display system.

122. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 118 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a control panel.

123. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 118 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises an interior trim component.

124. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 114, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises at least one of hook-and-loop fastening, interlocking pin fastening, adhesive fastening and mechanical fastening.

125. (cancelled)

126. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein said exchange or substitution by another is achieved without recourse to use of a tool.

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127. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein said exchange or substitution by another is achieved by a peeling action without recourse to use of a tool.

128. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 127, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises at least one of a hook-and-loop fastening and an interlocking pin fastening.

129. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein the roof portion comprises a glazing.

130. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 129, wherein the glazing comprises a sunroof.

131. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises hook-and-loop fastening.

132. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises interlocking pin fastening.

133. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises adhesive fastening.

134. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises mechanical attachment.

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135. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 134, wherein said mechanical attachment comprises post fastening.

136. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a storage compartment.

137. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a lighting component.

138. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a control panel.

139. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises an interior trim component.

140. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 112, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a display system.

141. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 47, wherein the vehicle comprises one of an automobile, a truck, a van, a minivan and a utility vehicle.

142. (currently amended) A vehicle interior accessory system suitable for use in a vehicle, said system comprising:

an attachment member, said attachment member comprising at least one elongated member ~~and~~ disposed at a roof portion of the interior of a vehicle and at least one of adhesively and mechanically attached thereat;

a vehicle interior accessory component;

said vehicle interior accessory component including an attachment element adapted for receipt by said attachment member;

said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component cooperating with said attachment member disposed at the roof portion in order to detachably secure said vehicle interior accessory component at the roof portion;

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said at least one elongated member comprising an electrical conductor;
said vehicle interior accessory component provided with electrical power via said electrical conductor of said at least one elongated member; and

wherein said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component cooperates with said attachment member disposed at the roof portion in a manner that readily facilitates detachment of said vehicle interior accessory component for exchange or for substitution by another, said exchange or substitution by another being achieved without recourse to use of a tool.

143. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises an electric garage door opener.

144. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein the vehicle has a long axis, said elongated member being generally oriented one of longitudinally and transverse with respect to the long axis of the vehicle.

145. (cancelled)

146. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component is received by said attachment member of said elongated member.

147. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 146, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component is selectively positionable along said elongated member.

148. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 146, wherein said attachment member of said elongated member comprises a channel.

149. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 148, wherein said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component is received by and supported by said channel of said elongated member.

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150. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 149, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a storage compartment.

151. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 149 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a lighting component.

152. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 149 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a display system.

153. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 149 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a control panel.

154. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 149 wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises an interior trim component.

155. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 144, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises at least one of hook-and-loop fastening, interlocking pin fastening, adhesive fastening and mechanical fastening.

156. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein said elongated member comprises said attachment member.

157. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein said exchange or substitution by another is achieved by a peeling action without recourse to use of a tool.

158. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 157, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises at least one of a hook-and-loop fastening and an interlocking pin fastening.

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159. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein the roof portion comprises a glazing.

160. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 159, wherein the glazing comprises a sunroof.

161. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises hook-and-loop fastening.

162. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises interlocking pin fastening.

163. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises adhesive fastening.

164. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein cooperation of said attachment element of said vehicle interior accessory component with said attachment member comprises mechanical attachment.

165. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 164, wherein said mechanical attachment comprises post fastening.

166. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a storage compartment.

167. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a lighting component.

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168. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a control panel.

169. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises an interior trim component.

170. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component comprises a display system.

171. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein the vehicle comprises one of an automobile, a truck, a van, a minivan, and a utility vehicle.

172. (previously presented) The vehicle interior accessory system of claim 142, wherein said vehicle interior accessory component is selectively positionable along said at least one elongated member.